



Institute for Continued Learning Digest

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Welcome to the new members of ICL!

Vernelle Judy and Don Beckman, our dedicated Membership Co-Directors, have been diligently working while the rest of us enjoy this great weather. They have invited many people off the waiting list and have completed 3 days of orientation and have a 4th scheduled tomorrow.

Congratulations and Welcome to the new members!

This newsletter typically comes out on Monday mornings, but maybe not every Monday during the summer. Besides emails, this is the best way to communicate with ICL members (and some past members) and for you to find out what is going on. If you miss the email with the link to the newsletter on Monday morning, you can always find them in the [archives online](#) on the [ICL webpage](#). You also might want to check your Junk or Spam mailbox as mass mails like this can get filtered out as spam.

The newsletter came about when Covid hit in March 2020 as a way to keep in touch with ICL members and has continued for over 3 years almost weekly with this 164th issue.

NEW MEMBERS! Please note the dates below and ways that you can join in on the fun and get to know other ICL members during the summer - before classes start in September.

Dates to remember:

- **Tuesday lunches:** We invite you to join us at **Taproot at the Mill** every **Tuesday** at **11:30 AM** for a casual lunch at Willamette Heritage Center (1313 Mill Street SE). Enjoy good food and conversation while taking advantage of the outdoor seating!
- **Friday Virtual Happy Hours** on [Zoom](#) at 4:30 PM. Another way to get to know ICL members from the comfort and convenience of your own home. BYOB or beverage of your choice. No drinking and driving.
- **Wine Club:** The 3rd Monday of each month at 4:30 PM. The next one is in person on **June 19th**. Contact [Dave MacMillan](#) to get on the mailing list. *More information to follow.*
- **Annual picnic** on **August 31st** (**save the date!**) at Minto Brown Island (gazebo near parking lot 3).
- **Start of Fall semester:** **Thursday, September 7th**. *Note that we're starting on the Thursday after Labor Day instead of the usual Tuesday following Labor Day.*

Thank You from Student Beneficiaries of a Jerry E. Hudson Endowed Book Fund

In 1997, ICL established the Jerry E. Hudson Endowed Book Fund with the purpose of offering financial aid to students facing economic challenges that hinder their ability to acquire necessary textbooks. Over the years, ICL has consistently contributed to this fund, although there was a temporary interruption in our contributions in recent years due to the Covid pandemic. However, we are delighted to announce that the ICL Board has recently voted to reinstate our commitment by donating \$1500 to further support this fund.

We are pleased to share with you another one of the heartfelt expressions of gratitude we received from the students who directly benefited from this fund:

Annabelle Smith: Class of 2026; Hometown: Blissfield, MI; Majors: Politics, Policy, Law, and Ethics
Activities and Involvement: Willamette Dance Company, Track and Field, and Athletic Events Staff

I am extremely grateful to have received aid for my education. I would not be able to attend college without the aid I have received, as I am solely paying for my education. Being at Willamette has provided me with opportunities that are exciting to be able to fulfill. I am a member of the track team, Willamette Dance Company, and I have been able to work on campus as athletic event staff. Not only do I have the ability to explore my interests and strengths, but I am able to grow academically and personally through the process.

The atmosphere of generosity and care for the community was a significant factor in my choice to attend Willamette, and I see those values being carried out throughout the institution. I am sincerely grateful for the aid I have received and how it has allowed me to pursue a higher education.

In my backpack you'll always find... My water bottle.